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22. (Amended) The method for producing a flexible resin boot as claimed in claim 19, wherein the liquid additive is, after having been heated, added to and mixed with the pellets by stirring them.

The changes in the claims are indicated by brackets and underlining in the Appendix hereto.

REMARKS

This amendment is self-explanatory. It attends to a step in asserting CIP status and corrects improper multiple dependencies.

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APPENDIX

9. (Amended) The flexible resin boot as claimed in [any of claims] claim 1 [to 8], wherein the mineral oil is at least one process oil selected from paraffinic oil and naphthenic oil whose aromatic content is from 0 to 10%.

22. (Amended) The method for producing a flexible resin boot as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 19 [to 21], wherein the liquid additive is, after having been heated, added to and mixed with the pellets by stirring them.

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